

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device, which is adapted to use a storage medium in which content data is divided into units of clusters and stored, comprising:

playback means for reading and playing in units of said clusters, said content data stored in said storage medium;

a link information table in which a link structure of said clusters in said storage medium is recorded;

a cluster table in which, of said units of clusters constituting said content data recorded in said storage medium, cluster numbers of said units of clusters played by said playback means are recorded at predetermined recording intervals; ~~and~~

~~playback means for reading and playing in units of said clusters, said content data stored in said storage medium, wherein~~

when said playback means ~~plays~~ accesses said content data in reverse,

if the cluster number of a target cluster to be read is recorded in said cluster table, said target cluster recorded in said cluster table, ₁ and indicated by said cluster number, ₁ is read from said storage medium, and

if said cluster number of said target cluster to be read is not recorded in said cluster table, said cluster number of said target cluster is obtained by moving along said link information table from, said cluster number of said clusters and said recording intervals recorded in said cluster table, a cluster previous to said target cluster, and the

cluster indicated by said cluster number thus obtained is read from said storage medium.

2. (Currently Amended) A playback control method for an electronics device that divides content data into units of clusters, ~~[[and]] stores them~~ said content data on a storage medium, and reads said content data in units of said clusters to play ~~[[it]]~~ said content data back, said method comprising, in a case where said content data is played back accessed in reverse:

a judgment step of judging whether or not a cluster number of a target cluster to be read is recorded in a cluster table that records, of ~~[[the]]~~ a series of said clusters constituting said content data recorded on said storage medium, cluster numbers of said clusters, wherein said content data is read in units of said clusters at predetermined recording intervals;

a first reading step of reading, from said storage medium, a cluster indicated by said cluster number of said target cluster recorded in said cluster table, if said cluster number of said target cluster is recorded in said cluster table; and

a second reading step where, if said cluster number of said target cluster is not recorded in said cluster table, a link information table, which records a link structure of said clusters in said storage medium, is traced from ~~[[a]]~~ said cluster number of said cluster and said recording intervals, of the clusters recorded in said cluster table, previous to said target cluster to obtain said cluster number of said target cluster, and

the cluster indicated by said obtained cluster number is read from said storage medium.